

MISSIONARY ITINERARY.

We are often asked the question "How may I secure the visit of a foreign missionary?" Please send your address for a missionary visit to the undersigned, who is held responsible by the Executive Committee for the arrangement of missionary itineraries. A special record will be made of your request. At the earliest possible date an itinerary will be arranged enabling a missionary to visit you.

We are asked the question also, "Does the Executive Committee pay the traveling expenses of the missionary?" Where the Committee arranges and gives its approval of the visit of the missionary it holds itself responsible for the traveling expenses. Otherwise, the traveling expenses are borne by those arranging with the missionary for a visit. It would save confusion and would be an economy of money, time and strength if all requests for missionary visitation were sent directly to the office.

It should be borne in mind that there are only a few missionaries at home on furlough at any one time. All of them are here primarily for much needed rest. I am sure we all in making our requests will be considerate of our beloved missionaries' physical strength, while they are recuperating at home with the view of returning to the great work to which God has called them in the foreign land.

Jas. O. Reavis, Sec'y.

"NUMERICAL RESPONSIBILITIES."

Messrs. Editors:

I was somewhat grieved to see in the first number of *The Presbyterian of the South*, which has just reached me here, in an editorial reader under the above caption, the first unsympathetic criticism I had seen or heard of the Missionary Platform of our Church. Perhaps the most notable Providential development of our time in connection with world evangelization is the division of the territory of the non-Christian world, not marked by hard and fast lines, but sufficiently definite for practical purposes, among the different Christian denominations, according to which each assumes a definite responsibility for its own definite field. Problems of comity that have troubled the churches so long are all practically settled by this one argument. The greatest possible economy of available resources is secured. Above all, it is now possible to present our missionary appeal relieved of all the vagueness and seeming impracticability by which it was formerly shorn of its power. We have our two provinces in Cuba, our two states in Mexico, our special territory in Brazil, our field in Japan, our great field in Africa, our two provinces in southern Korea and a large part of two great provinces in China, which no other church will now attempt to evangelize, because the chief responsibility for them has been offered to and accepted by us.

The estimated population of all this territory has been about twenty-five millions. This estimate was all along declared tentative and approximate. That is the only "numerical" feature there is in the whole matter. Our responsibility will be for the same territory, even

though it might be found on more thorough investigation to contain double the population of our original estimate.

It was a great day in the history of our Church when, two years ago at Birmingham, our assembly without a dissenting voice adopted the Missionary Platform accepting this offered responsibility, and declaring it to be the duty of the Church to begin at once a systematic effort to bring our contributions up to the point that would enable us to discharge it. Going before the Church with this great and definite appeal we have made notable progress in these two years towards the goal at which we are aiming. In this work we have had the hearty and effective aid of the three papers now combined into *The Presbyterian of the South*, and we shall expect that great paper to continue the helpful policy of its predecessors. With that help we have great hopes that at the close of this fiscal year we may be able to report a contribution to the cause for our Church of not less than \$400,000.

Cordially yours,

S. H. Chester.

FOREIGN MISSION DOTS AND DASHES.

Though we are far behind with the Missions with remittances for actual necessities, instead of saying to us, "pay that thou owest," the missionaries insist on helping to pay our debt. Fourteen dollars has just come from the ladies of the North Kiangsu Mission for the \$50,000 debt. \$14,978.71 is the total amount received on the Debt Fund to date.

In China they "sell their possessions" in order to give to the cause. Rev. H. M. Woods says "one of our inquirers is very earnest and intelligent and seems to have the right 'ring'. Without our saying anything about it, she sold her bracelets the other day and brought Mrs. Woods \$20 (Mexican) to help on the cause."

Our total receipts since April 1 amount to \$271,301. Our goal for this fiscal year is \$400,000. We hardly doubt that the balance of \$128,699 will be given. The principal thing then is to see that it is sent in before March 31. Our church and Presbyterian treasurers can assist very materially in enabling us to reach our goal.

Rev. B. C. Patterson writes in the "Bi-Monthly Bulletin" that among those who have attended services for eight months are two men over 70 years old that walk the distance of twelve miles. One man bought a catechism and hid it lest his teacher should find it and destroy it. The teacher found it and walked twenty-five miles to Suchien for more literature. The Bulletin is printed at Shanghai, and can be had for forty cents. Remit to the Executive Committee Foreign Missions, Nashville, Tenn.

A letter from Kobe, Japan, says, "last night a young man gave a ringing testimony of repentance and salvation at our little 'Nunchiki chapel.' He is a student in the Commercial college here and on account of his drinking his older brother cut off his support. He has started pulling a jinrikisha at night to make his living while attending school." What is it that the gospel cannot do for men?

Regarding Foreign Missions and literature, address "Executive Committee Foreign Missions," and regarding the Missionary address "The Missionary," Nashville, Tenn.

Avoid discontinuance of expired subscriptions to the Missionary, required by the Postal Laws, by writing us. If you cannot remit promptly we can extend subscription and charge it to you.

The joy of the Christmas season was increased, a home made happier, and a new missionary added to our forces by the arrival of a little girl in Cardenas, Cuba, in the home of Rev. R. L. Wharton.

Requests come constantly for statements of accounts of churches showing total gifts since April 1. We gladly furnish these on request. However, if the pastor had this information constantly at hand it might be of considerable value to him and his treasurer. The "Pass Book" furnishes this statement, preserves receipts, saves time, insures accuracy, and costs nothing.

Among the speakers at the Men's Convention at Birmingham, February 16-18, will be Hon. S. B. Capen, Mr. J. Campbell White, Hon. R. B. Glenn, Rev. James I. Vance, Mr. Walton Williams, Mr. Wm. T. Ellis, Rev. D. C. Lilly, Col. E. W. Halford, Mr. John B. Slemon, Jr., Mr. L. H. Severance, Mr. David McConaughy. It promises to be the greatest men's meeting held in our Assembly.

WOMAN'S DEBT FUND.

Previously reported	\$12,195.11
L. M. S., Second Paris, Ky. (additional)	3.00
L. M. Soc., Marianna Ch., Fla....	6.55
M. E. D. Lee, Spartanburg, S.C.	2.00
Marja Pratt Mjs. Soc., Stanton, Va.	5.00
Mrs. Newton Smith, College Hill, Miss.	1.00
W. F. M. S., Second Ch., Little Rock, Ark.	27.00
L. M. S., Keytesville, Mo.....	3.50
L. M. S., Pres. Ch., Palatka, Fla.	3.75
Mrs. Fletcher and daughters, Accomac, Va.	5.00
Miss Pattie Morris, Charlotte, N. C. fl.	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Glazner, Anson, Tex.	1.00
"Friends," Thompson Valley church, Va.	7.00
Mis. Soc., Westminster church, Lynchburg, Va.	13.75
W. M. S., First Ch., Charleston	5.00
H. & F. Mis. Soc. Maryland Ave. Pres. Church, Baltimore. .	1.00
Mis. Union, El Paso Pres., Tex. (additional.)	22.00
Mallard Mis. Soc., Napoleon Ave. Pres Ch., Baltimore..	1.00
Total	\$12,308.36
Mamie D. Smith, Treas. Petersburg, Va.	

Love cannot remain silent. It is an active principle as well as a passion. It finds expression in life. It sympathizes, sacrifices, serves. It is benevolent, neighborly, pure, holy. Envy and hatred and vanity are foreign to its nature. It is hopeful and rejoices in the truth.—J. C. Villiers.